

Age: *When you know who you are and you realize what you can do, you can do things better at 40 than when you're 20.*
—Shirley MacLaine, American actress

Readiness expediting made easier



Photo by Alexander Kufel

Raynette Gurney, CT-S, gets ready to have her photograph made by digital camera at the Schofield Barracks' Soldier Readiness Processing Center while Rich Phillips, CT-C, waits his turn.

For those POD and HED individuals who are on the Emergency Deployment Roster, Quick Deployment Teams, or are volunteering for emergency operations, obtaining a "smart" card with detailed personal information will greatly expedite deployment when it's time to go, said HED natural disaster planner Ken Suiso. In early December, Suiso "expedited the expediting" by taking 14 people with him to the Soldier Readiness Processing Center (SRPC) at Schofield Barracks where they received cards.

"There are three information systems on each card," said Sgt. 1st Class Randall Werner, 25th Infantry Division NCOIC. "There's a computer chip, a magnetic stripe, and a bar code. If we can get to one of those elements and enter it into any of our computers, anywhere in the world, we'll be able to bring up the information we need about that individual immediately."

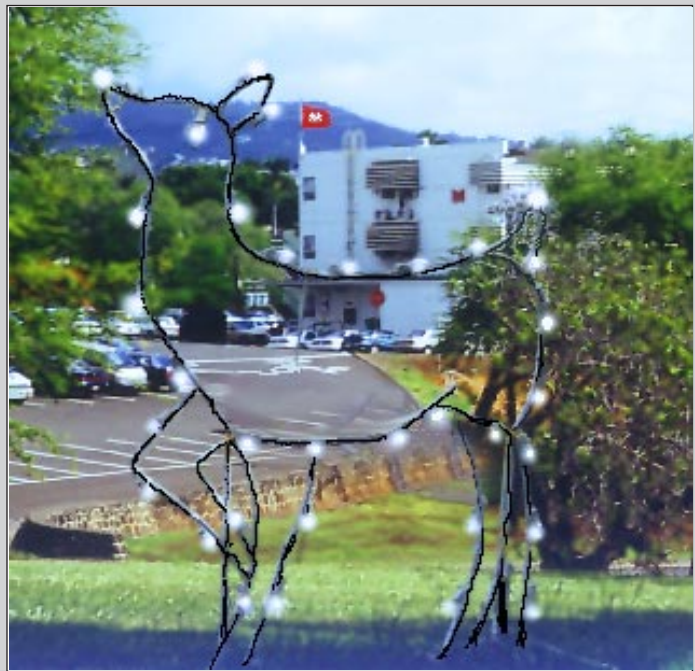
Werner went on to say that a significant advantage of the system is that processing was limited previously to 500 people a week. Now, they can handle 500 a day.—Alexander Kufel

HOLIDAY HEAT

The numbers one through nine appear three times each in this puzzle. Your assignment before you can settle down to enjoy Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Solstice, or any holiday at all, is to blow out three candles which will total 15 in each of the three horizontal rows. The three candles you select must carry the numbers one through nine. No number may be used more than once. Need a hint? Start by blowing out the most protected candle. Solution on page 6. No peeking!



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In Hawaii, you simply can't rely on the weather for cues that Christmas is in the air. Where's the snow? Instead, you have to stay alert for seasonal visitors to Fort Shafter such as this wire frame reindeer. The sculpture and the Corps of Engineers building 230 in the background are real enough, but the daytime lights are an illusion brought to you by the magic of computer photo enhancement. Photo by Alexander Kufel.